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DIARY NOTES

31 October 1963

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1. [] said that the Office of the Director had returned the communications study without any guidance as to what he was expected to do with it. I told him that I had given him the guidance several days ago and that he should not expect anything further from the Office of the Director.

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2. I concurred in a cable prepared by the Office of Communications, which was later released by Mr. Kirkpatrick, to the [] telling them to suspend plans to move the communications center [] pending the outcome of our communications study and probable changes in our Fiscal Year 1964-1965 budget.

3. Walter Elder advised me that the President had telephoned this morning over the KY-1 circuit, which did not work properly. I conferred with [] Bob Bannerman, and [] (for the Office of Logistics) and later learned that this instrument is overheating and will require cooling equipment of some kind in the vault with it to ensure that it will operate satisfactorily. I have asked [] to ride herd on this and to let me know should he need any assistance.

4. [] was in to talk with me about his assignment to write the history of our operations in Vietnam []. He wanted to ask each of the DD/S offices to prepare a summary of their support activities to Vietnam for this period. I told him that I thought this would be an almost impossible requirement with which to comply and suggested that he refine his questions to make them more specific. I did say, however, that I would take up this matter at my next DD/S Staff Meeting and would alert the Office Heads that he would probably be around to see them. I also furnished him the names of several people who have served in Saigon during this period (which, to my surprise, seemed new to him) and suggested that he talk at some length with them before he tries to write anything or to refine his requirements.

5. [] advised me that he had looked over the Project USEFUL program and roster and had decided to open and close the Office of Communications briefing, which will include a detailed presentation by [] and a display of equipment.

6. I accepted an invitation to hear Dean Acheson address the Midcareer Course from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on 8 November.

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7. Matt Baird reported that he believes we are already conducting appropriate courses for analysts in compliance with Mr. Kirkpatrick's Action Memorandum of a few days ago. I said that, even though this might be the case, we should prepare an appropriate reply to Kirk.

8. Late this evening I learned that the Director had selected [redacted] 25X1 to replace Colonel Grogan and that this assignment will be effective immediately.

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9. [redacted] advised me that [redacted] was somewhat 25X1A9A
offended by [redacted] cable about the [redacted] situation. He undertook to explain 25X1A2D1
plain to others involved that [redacted] may have gotten a bit too emotional about
this situation.

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